



MEMORANDUM
9 OCTOBER 2004

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: DAVID MERRITT

RE: SUMMIT COUNTY UPCO STATUS

With a standstill agreement deadline fast approaching, work is moving along quickly on the Phase III of UPCO in Summit County. A Summit County Water Forum has been established, similar to the Grand County Water Forum which was established last year. They have moved along to establish a set of principles, issues which are important to water users and to the general constituency in Summit County. These principles recognize that Denver has additional demands which will be placed upon Summit County and the Blue River; they just want the chance to protect critical values, values which are also important to Metro area residents.

A key current project is an assessment by Boyle Engineering Corporation of the cost and water availability of a number of different potential projects, both above and below Dillon Reservoir. They are assessing how these projects could serve to meet the shortages in the projected water supply to users in Summit County, and how they could be operated to enhance Denver's yield. The key to coming to resolution with all of the disparate parties is to find an alternative that allows, or even requires cooperation.

We are looking at potential reservoirs on Swan River, Indiana Creek, a shortened version of the East Gore Collection system, and even pumping water back from gravel pits which are being developed downstream from the town of Silverthorne. All of these are expensive, but any new water in Summit County is expensive.